

***Proposed addition to Rules, Regulations, Policies and Procedures April 27, '16***

and shall bring such person, firm or corporation prima facie within the scope, meaning and penalties of this section.

Provided further, that if any person, firm or corporation engaged in the selling or delivering any electric current, water or gas, to a consumer shall knowingly cause to be installed any meter or meters intentionally adjusted or regulated so as to cause such meter or meters to register a greater amount of such electric current, water or gas, than actually passes through the same, shall be prima facie evidence of the knowledge of such person, firm or corporation engaged in selling or delivering such electric current, water or gas, of the existence thereof and shall bring such person, firm or corporation within the scope and meaning of this section and subject to the operation of this section. Provided further, any employee, stockholder, or member of the Board of Commissioners who, with intent to defraud a customer, falsifies, or acquiesces in the falsifying, of any record which results in billing in excess of the amount lawfully due and owing, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or sentenced to serve not more than six (6) months in jail, or both.

Provided further, this section shall not relieve any person, firm or corporation from any other liabilities now imposed by law.

The governing authorities of any municipality are authorized to prosecute any violation of this section, which is committed upon meters owned or operated by a utility, which is owned or operated by a municipality.

**Theft of Water:**

*Tampering with District equipment or stealing water will be grounds for discontinuance of District services.*

*Theft of service shall include, but not limited to:*

*Connecting to or intentionally damaging water lines, valves or other appurtenances for the purpose of stealing or damaging District equipment.*

*When a situation has been discovered, service will immediately be discontinued, with no prior notice.*

*The Customer will be subject to a \$100.00 Dollar violation payment.*

*If the District determines theft of service has occurred, it reserves the right to adjust the customer's current bill. If the approximate amount of service that was stolen cannot be reasonably determined, the account will assessed the minimum water charge for 12 months.*

*Service will not be restored until all payments are paid in full.*

*The District will not be liable for any loss or damage resulting from the discontinuance of service.*

**Service Extension Policy:**

Public waterworks and wastewater services are available to all applicants of the District's certificated area under the terms and conditions of the Pearlington Water & Sewer District's "Service Extension Policy". In general terms, it is the District's policy that all new customers pay the full cost (both the direct and indirect costs) of the required service extension plus a reasonable impact fee to compensate the District for maintaining excess capacity in its water and wastewater system which is available to serve new customers.\*\*\*\*(Low and Moderate Income customers may qualify for no cost installation under the terms of HUD Regulations, which funded the initial installation of this system.) See Office Manager for qualifications and applications

**Types of Service Extension** – The District's service extension policy covers two basic types of service extension, as follows:

- Service readily available from existing facilities;
- Service not readily available from existing facilities.

Upon receipt of an application for service, the District will determine if service is or is not readily available from existing facilities. If service is readily available from existing facilities, the applicant's meter installation and sewer service tap will be constructed by the District at the point of delivery requested by the applicant or at